

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE****METHOD AND APPARATUS TO BOOT A NON-UNIFORM-MEMORY-ACCESS****5 (NUMA) MACHINE**

A method, apparatus and program for booting a non-uniform-memory-access (NUMA) machine are provided. The invention comprises configuring a plurality of  
10 standalone, symmetrical multiprocessing (SMP) systems to operate within a NUMA system. A master processor is selected within each SMP; the other processors in the SMP are designated as NUMA slave processors. A NUMA master processor is then chosen from the SMP master processors;  
15 the other SMP master processors are designated as NUMA slave processors. A unique NUMA ID is assigned to each SMP that will be part of the NUMA system. The SMPs are then booted in NUMA mode in one-pass with memory coherency established right at the beginning of the  
20 execution of the system firmware.